



Who Are You Following?

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion

1. Who has been one of the most influential people in your faith journey? What made their influence meaningful?

2. What resonated with you from Sunday's worship?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-17.

3. Paul describes himself as a spiritual father rather than simply a teacher or authority figure. What is the difference between informing someone and spiritually forming someone?

4. Paul tells the Corinthians, "Therefore I urge you to imitate me." Why would Paul feel comfortable making that statement? Who are the people in your life whose example of following Christ is worth imitating?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:18-21.

5. Paul challenges those who are impressed by words but lack spiritual substance. What do you think he means when he says, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power"?

6. Paul presents two approaches: discipline or gentleness. What does this passage teach us about God's heart as a loving Father? How can both correction and gentleness be expressions of love?

7. Who are you following right now? What voices, examples, or influences are shaping the direction of your life and faith?

8. Paul sent Timothy to remind the Corinthians of his way of life in Christ. Is there someone you could intentionally learn from—or someone you could intentionally mentor—in the coming months? What would that look like?

4:16

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4:20

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

4:21

What do you prefer?
Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?

Next Steps

- **Love Jesus:** Read ahead for next Sunday - 1 Corinthians 9:19-27.
- **Connect with Others:** Reach out to someone who has helped shape your faith and thank them for their influence.
- **Serve the World:** Encourage a younger believer or someone new to the faith this week.
- **Reach the Lost:** Invite someone to join you for worship or a small group and begin building a Christ-centered relationship with them.

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